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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-21, 23-26 and 28-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-21, 23-26 and 28-56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 24, 2004 has been entered.

2. The specification (the clean copy of the substitute specification filed October 24, 2004) is objected to because the sentence on lines 20-22 of page 5 is incomplete.

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. The specification remains objected to as failing to clearly describe an operable device that performs the intended interlocking method. For example, the specification states that indication of interlocking is shown "by the lighting of a green lamp on the external surface of the actuator and by the pointing towards a green field of a mechanical arrow" (page 3, lines 28-31). However, there is no disclosure as to what triggers the lamp and there is no suggestion as to how the arrow is made to indicate a selected situation. Further, the application fails to indicate how the various parts operate or interrelate. The *Detailed Description* appears to be merely a brief discussion of a collection of parts and a broad statement of the goals of the invention. Even one familiar with the art (such as this examiner) would be unable to make and use a device based on the disclosure of this application.

5. Claims 18-21, 23-26, 29, 31, 32, 34-37, 40-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement

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requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the application in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. As noted above, the application fails to indicate how the device is assembled, arranged, etc. in order to operate as claimed.

6. It appears that some of the confusion in this application may be due to the misuse of the term *interlock*. An interlock connects (mechanically or electrically) two parts of a device together. For example the two actuators of the present device are apparently electrically interlocked by an electrical control system and communicate through cable 60. However, a key lock (for example, those operated by keys 18 or 24) is not an interlock. The keys merely lock one part of the system. It is suggested that applicant review the terminology used throughout the application in view of the distinction between an interlock and a lock.

7. Claims 17, 39, 51, 52 and 54, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baginski, et al. This breaker comprises sets of contacts (16/22, 16/24), an actuator connected to the contacts by a linking system 74, etc., and a first interlock 38, a second interlock 70, and a mechanical indicator 34 that is arranged as claimed.

8. Claims 17-21, 23-26, 31, 33, 39, 40, 43, 51 and 52, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wecke, et al. This breaker comprises sets of contacts (in switch 4), an actuator 3 connected to the contacts by a linking system 5, etc., a mechanical interlock 2, an electromagnetically operated 6 locking shackle, and an electrical interlock (column 3, line 64 – column 4, line 3).

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9. Claims 17-21, 23, 38, 39-54 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Claim 17 lacks antecedent basis for “the movement” on line 7.
- It is unclear what parts of the system are being “interlocked” by the first and second interlocks.
- Claim 34 is contradictory. A *hand operated* device cannot operate *automatically*.
- Claim 38 lacks antecedent basis for “the mechanical interlocking” on line 2. In addition, it is unclear how a remote control can operate a mechanical interlock; the present disclosure does not appear to show such an arrangement.
- The term “remote control” is seen to be unclear since it is not defined in the specification and the disclosure specifically, repeatedly emphasizes that various parts are electrically and/or mechanically directly connected.
- Claims 52 and 53 appear to be missing text.

Appropriate corrections are required.

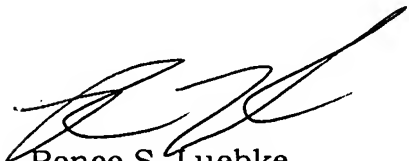
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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke at (571) 272-2009. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.



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